

The preamble and orders submitted by Mr. Gibbons, above described, were then taken up, and in the progress of the second reading thereof:

Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, proposed further to amend the said preamble, as follows: 'strike out from the preamble, after the words, 'and whereas this assumption is not borne out by the fact,' to the end of the preamble, and insert in lieu thereof, the following, to come in after said words, viz:

The house having before them no other evidence, that the people of Washington county desire the passage of this bill, than the unanimous support of the delegates, and the senator from said county, their explicit declarations, that the passage of the bill is desired by a large majority of their constituents, the solemn vote of the people of Washington county at the senatorial election in 1826, and the petitions which have been elicited by the recent show of opposition to said bill, and which are daily pouring in upon the delegates from said county, since it was ascertained that opposition was made, presenting already the names of three hundred and forty-six citizens of said county of both parties; whilst on the other hand, after the lapse of four weeks since the organization of a distinct party opposition to this bill, inviting and calling to its aid concurrent opposition from Washington county to sanctify the opposition here, two hundred and fifteen inhabitants, of a county containing a population of upwards of thirty thousand inhabitants, have solemnly remonstrated against its passage, not upon the ground that the people of Washington county do not desire it, but because the bill is objectionable in not requiring a property qualification.

And the question thereon being put, 'will the house assent to the proposed amendment?'

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city.

The yeas and nays (being required by seven members,) were ordered and taken.

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are,

Messrs. Turner of Balt. county

Ely

Price

Shower

Hardcastle of Dorches.

Evans

Gale

Townsend

Crabb

Boyer

Hope

Sutton

Smithson

M'Mahon of Balt. city

Stewart, of Balt. city.

Shafer

Yoe

Miller

Beatty

M'Mahon of Allegany